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LEATHER USING THE RELEASE PAPER AND PROCESS FOR
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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

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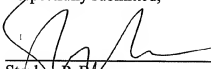
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- ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application.
- ☒ before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits.
- ☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Required copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Supplementary Search Report bearing a mailing date of May 28, 2008 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following:

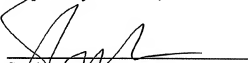
1. EP 0 209 684 A1 (Ref. AJ) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,722,966 (Ref. AH); and
2. EP 0 547 462 A2 (Ref. AK) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,247,048 (Ref. AI).

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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